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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Reviews the Report on the Administration of the Excise Department.

READ—

Letter No. B. 3-357—45, dated 16th November 1945, from the Excise Commissioner in Mysore forwarding report on the Administration of the Excise Department for the year 1944-45 together with the prescribed statistical statements.

ORDER No. S. R. 4986-97—EX. 5-45-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 22ND APRIL 1946.

Recorded.

Country Spirits.— The contract of the Mysore Sugar Co., Ltd., Bangalore, for the manufacture and supply of liquors from their Distillery at Mandya having expired on 30th September 1944, it was further extended till the end of June 1945.

The number of shops licensed for the retail sale of molasses arrack was 528 (526) and the issues to them were 3,71,612 (366,629) gallons. Two shops, one in Mysore District and the other in Chitaldrug District, were newly opened. There was an increase of 4,983 gallons which was contributed by the Districts of Bangalore and Mandya while there was a fall in consumption in the other districts. The increase in Bangalore was due to the continuance of the military camps and the influx of labour population. The marked decrease in the Districts of Shimoga, Mysore, Kolar and Hassan was accounted for partly by the high vend rates prevailing in these places and partly by the increase in the consumption of toddy. The total issues of rectified spirits from the Distillery were 13,474 (19,646) gallons and of this quantity, 11,156 (7,206) gallons was issued to local licensees and industrial concerns and the balance of 2,318 (12,440) gallons for export outside the State. The decrease in exports was attributed to the paucity of molasses in the Distillery. The issues of denatured spirits from the Distillery for local consumption were 3,349·0 (10,546·3) gallons and the quantity exported was 395 gallons. The number of shops licensed for the sale of special liquors and jaggery arrack was 28, the same as in the previous year.

Toddy.—There were 1,819 (1,822) shops for the sale of date and cocoanut toddy and 363 (364) for the sale of bagani toddy. The number of toddy yielding trees licensed both in the State and outside was 345,065 (339,501).

Malt Liquors and Foreign Spirits.—The number of licenses issued exclusively for the sale of country beer continued to be three. The consumption of beer amounted to 188,410 gallons, of which 152,786 gallons were consumed in Military Canteens and the remaining 35,624 gallons were sold by the several licensees in the State. The revenue derived from malt liquors was Rs. 62,069. The consumption of foreign liquors was 9,789 (5,410) gallons. The revenue realised therefrom was Rs. 59,016.

Ganja and Opium.—There were 260 (259) shops licensed for the sale of Ganja. The consumption was 8,935 (8,805) seers. The revenue derived from Ganja and Opium amounted to Rs. 9,83,526 and Rs. 1,24,265, respectively. The number of shops licensed for the sale of opium continued to be 85 and the consumption was 452 (654) seers.

Excise Offences.—The number of cases relating to illicit distillation and kindred offences increased from 197 to 289 during the year, the largest number of cases being reported from the Shimoga District. Four thousand six hundred and forty-nine (4,966) cases reported under the Excise Opium Laws were registered during the year. Including the pending cases, the total number of cases for disposal was 5,033 (5,406). Of these, 4,305 cases were disposed of departmentally and 397 were sent up for trial in Courts leaving 333 cases pending disposal at the end of the year. Fines or composition fees were levied in 3,949 cases and the realisations on this account amounted to Rs. 18,341. The expenditure incurred under "Secret Service and Rewards" amounted to Rs. 555. The periodical publication of the Excise Supplement of the *Mysore Gazette* was continued.

Licenses for Rectified Spirit.—The number of licenses issued to Chemists and Druggists and charitable institutions and industrial concerns was 46.

Finances.—The total demand under Excise revenue inclusive of the arrears of Rs. 13,827 amounted to Rs. 1,78,89,460 of which a sum of Rs. 1,78,07,107 (Rs. 1,24,14,911) towards current demand and a sum of Rs. 4,961 (Rs. 11,133) towards old arrears were collected and a sum of Rs. 4,214 was remitted, leaving a balance of Rs. 73,178 at the end of the year. The expenditure of the department amounted to Rs. 4,85,030 (Rs. 4,45,016). The incidence of taxation per head of the population was Rs. 2-5-7 (Rs. 1-10-5). The amount refunded to privileged inamdars on account of toddy revenue was Rs. 62,432 (Rs. 85,893).

Prohibition.—The experimental scheme of prohibition in the Rural Welfare Centre of Closepet and Chennapatna Taluks was continued during the year. The shops in this area were gradually closed as a result of which there were no shops in Channapatna Taluk. There were only one arrack, one Ganja and two toddy shops in Closepet Taluk.

General.—The Act providing for the levy of excise duties on betelnut, coffee and tea was passed in August 1944. Three District Excise Officers were appointed with necessary subordinate staff to deal with the work connected with this Act.

The rates for the price and duty payable by the licensees and the retail selling rates of special liquors prescribed by Government in March 1944 were continued during the year. The duty on Ganja was further enhanced to Rs. 55 per seer of 80 tolas from the 1st July 1945 and the minimum selling price was enhanced to Re 0-14-8 per tola. The issue price of Ganja fixed at Rs. 2-8-0 per seer of 80 tolas continued to be in force. The issue price of molasses arrack of 35° U. P. fixed at Rs. 2-8-0 per gallon continued to be in force. The issue price of opium was raised to Rs. 140 per seer of 80 tolas from 1st July 1945 and the minimum selling rate of the same was fixed at Rs. 2-4-0 per tola. The duty on imports of Indian-made foreign liquors was enhanced to Rs. 30 per proof gallon.

Observation.—The working of the department was generally satisfactory.

J. B. MALLARADHYA, *Rev. Secy.*

GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Sanctions the appointment of Mr. K. H. Halappa, Shimoga, as an Additional Member of the Committee constituted for the Development of the Malnad.

READ—

Government Orders No. S. R. 2472-551—E. C. 21-45-1, dated 21st December 1945 and No. 3830-90—C. B. 290-45-1, dated 17th April 1946 constituting a Committee to suggest a plan for the Development of the Malnad.

ORDER NO. 4336-51—C. B. 290-45-3, DATED BANGALORE, THE 16TH MAY 1946.

Government are pleased to appoint Mr. K. H. Halappa, Shimoga, as an additional member of the Committee referred to in the Government orders read above.

MOHAMED ISMAIL SHERIFF, *Genl. Secy.*

Opening an Agricultural Experimental Farm at Anandapuram.

READ—

Letter No. Fl. 96—45-46, dated 23rd February 1945, from the Director of Agriculture in Mysore, submitting proposals for opening an Agricultural Experimental Farm at Kenchigepura Yadehalli near Anandapuram, Shimoga District.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. L. Dis. C. 3355—44-45, dated 30th June 1945, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, stating that S. Nos. 165, 167 and 168 of Kenchigepura Yadehalli in Sagar Taluk are available for being placed at the disposal of the Agricultural Department for opening an Agricultural Experimental Farm.

3. Un-official Note No. E. C. F. 906, dated 3rd December 1945, from the Commissioner of Economic Development and Planning, forwarding the resolution of the Board of Agriculture of the Economic Conference held on 8th November 1945 regarding the opening of an experimental farm at Anandapuram.

ORDER NO. A. F. 6060-65—AGRI. 194-44-4, DATED BANGALORE, THE 21ST MAY 1946.

It is reported by the Director of Agriculture that out of the total area of about 7½ lakhs of acres under paddy cultivation in the State more than half the area lies in the malnad districts of Shimoga, Kadur and Hassan, the cultivation of which depends mainly on the seasonal rainfall. The average production per acre of paddy in this area has not been more than five pallas per acre at any time. The experience gained by the department during the preceding years in the malnad tracts has revealed that there are many possibilities of increasing the yield of paddy per acre by using suitable strains. Some of the strains evolved on the Bikli Paddy Experimental Station have given consistently good yields varying from 18 to 22 pallas per acre. It has been further discovered that any one strain suited for a particular locality cannot be automatically recommended for all the localities comprising the Malnad as the seasonal conditions, soil classification and other governing causes and rainfall and altitude are not all quite similar and react differently to various strains. The Director has therefore proposed the opening of an Experimental Farm on an area of about 30 acres of Government lands, both wet and dry, in Survey Nos. 165, 167 and 168 of Kenchigepura Yadehalli near Anandapuram, Shimoga District, at a recurring cost of Rs. 6,300 and a non-recurring expenditure of Rs. 18,750 as detailed in the appended statement.

The Revenue Commissioner who was consulted has stated that these S. Nos. are available for this purpose. The Board of Agriculture have approved of the scheme and recommended its adoption.

In the circumstances mentioned, Government are pleased to accord sanction to the above scheme.

The expenditure on this account during the current year will be met from the provision of Rs. 20,000 made under "27. Agril.—Demonstration and Experiments—Additional Paddy Breeding Stations."

The Comptroller to Government is requested to make provision in this account in the budget of 1946-47 and following years.

The Revenue Commissioner is requested to hand over possession of the S. Nos. 165, 167 and 168 of Kenchigepura Yadehalli near Anandapuram, Shimoga District, to the Agricultural Department forthwith.

MOHAMED ISMAIL SHERIFF, *Genl. Secy.*

ANNEXURE.

		Rs.	a.	p.
RECURRING EXPENDITURE.—				
1. Establishment—				
	One Agricultural Inspector on Rs. 50-5-100	1,024	0	0
	One maistry (a local man who will also be a labour recruiter) on Rs. 20-1-30 ...	313	5	4
	One peon on Rs. 12	144	0	0
	Special locality allowance at 20 per cent of the salary to Agricultural Inspector and maistry.	267	7	6
2.	Bullockmen 3 on Rs. 12-1/2-15	501	9	7
	Labourers 2 do	334	6	5
	Do 3 on Rs. 12	432	0	0
3.	Travelling allowance	100	0	0
4.	Temporary labour	1,000	0	0
5.	Livestock and feed (2 pairs at Rs. 20 and 4 pairs at Rs. 12)	1,056	0	0
6.	Implements and machinery	100	0	0
7.	Seeds and manures	500	0	0
8.	General contingencies	500	0	0
	For rounding	27	3	2
	Total ...	6,300	0	0